

cases of the disease, in the light of our present knowledge the evidence seems contrary to this. But it is well, also, in this connection to bear in mind that the period of the greatest incidence of the disease, that is in our latitudes, May to November, is also the period of the greatest prevalence and activity of insect life. Not until there has been further and closer field study, however, should the influence of insect life be totally discarded.

Although the disease has been observed in practically all latitudes, it may be put down as a summer disease of cold climates. That there are sporadic cases must not be forgotten.

The first book which should be placed in the hands of medical students should be the Code of Ethics of the national medical organization, and each should be urged persistently to read and study it. At least a half-dozen lectures should be given on the subject of medical ethics to mass meetings of the student body in all medical colleges. Before being graduated, all should be required to pass both a written and an oral examination thereon.

To the Code of Ethics of the Canadian Medical Association the profession in Canada looks for its right conduct. To it, also, all provincial and local medical societies go when prescribing rules and regulations for the proper conduct of their individual members. How necessary would it seem that the national medical body should publish its Code of Ethics, and sell copies of it to all medical students and members of the profession.

The Code of Ethics of the Canadian Medical Association was compiled many years ago. In those years great changes have taken place, and in many respects it does not accord with the present-day conditions nor the times in medical practice. It should be revised and shorn of its sentimentalism, its obsolescences deleted, its discrepancies corrected, its practicability better established.

That the national medical organization should undertake to revise and amplify its Code of Ethics seems urgent; that it should do this immediately many will endorse; that, having well set out a practical Code, and incorporated within its boundaries "pointers" in the way of "help hints" to the profession, will be something which will commend itself to the entire body of physicians the country over.

Its influence in promoting the study and teaching of medical ethics will be of paramount good to the profession of medicine in coming years.